

1 1. A method of implementing an electronic
2 programming guide through a program receiver comprising:
3 providing access to a first electronic
4 programming guide with a first set of program selections
5 over a first medium;
6 providing access to a second electronic program
7 guide with a second set of program selections over a second
8 medium; and
9 enabling a user to select, over said first and
10 second media, programs for viewing on said receiver.

1 2. The method of claim 1 wherein said second set is
2 more extensive than said first set.

1 3. The method of claim 1 wherein providing access to
2 a first electronic programming guide includes providing
3 said first electronic programming over a medium that also
4 provides the program content.

1 4. The method of claim 3 further including providing
2 electronic programming guide information back to the
3 receiver through said second medium without providing
4 program content.

1 5. The method of claim 1 further including
2 automatically coupling the user to said second medium upon
3 receiving a request for access from the user.

1 6. The method of claim 5 wherein automatically
2 providing access to said second medium includes
3 automatically accessing the Internet.

1 7. The method of claim 1 including enabling the user
2 to program which program selections are provided in the
3 first electronic programming guide.

1 8. The method of claim 1 including automatically
2 providing said first electronic programming guide and
3 providing said second programming guide in response to a
4 user request.

1 9. The method of claim 1 further including providing
2 tuning information to said receiver over said second
3 medium.

1 10. An article comprising a medium for storing
2 instructions that cause a processor-based system to:
3 provide access to a first electronic programming
4 guide with a first set of program selections over a first
5 medium;

6 provide access to a second electronic program
7 guide with a second set of program selections over a second
8 medium; and
9 enable a user to select, over said first and
10 second media, programs for viewing on said receiver.

1 11. The article of claim 10 further storing
2 instructions that cause a processor-based system to
3 automatically couple the user to said second medium upon
4 receiving a request for access from the user.

1 12. The article of claim 11 further storing
2 instructions that cause a processor based system to
3 automatically access the Internet in a response to request
4 for access to said second medium.

1 13. The article of claim 10 further storing
2 instructions that cause a processor-based system to enable
3 the user to program which program channels are provided in
4 the first electronic programming guide.

1 14. The article of claim 10 further storing
2 instructions that cause a processor-based system to
3 automatically provide the first electronic program guide
4 and second electronic program guide in response to a user
5 request.

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1 15. A system for providing video programming to a
2 plurality of receivers comprising:
3 a content provider which provides content and a
4 first electronic programming guide to a plurality of
5 receivers; and
6 a server accessible by said receivers to
7 automatically provide a second programming guide over a
8 second medium to said receivers upon request from said
9 receivers.

1 16. The system of claim 15 wherein said content
2 provider is selected from the group consisting of a
3 satellite broadcaster, a cable provider, or an airwave
4 broadcaster.

1 17. The system of claim 15 wherein said second
2 electronic program guide is provided over an Internet
3 connection.

1 18. The system of claim 15 wherein said second
2 electronic programming guide is more extensive than said
3 first electronic programming guide.

1 19. A receiver for receiving video programming and
2 electronic programming guides comprising:

3 a processor;
4 memory coupled to said processor, said memory
5 storing software for controlling at least two electronic
6 programming guides;
7 a mouse device for enabling the selection of
8 program options provided by at least two electronic
9 programming guides; and
10 said software to automatically connect said
11 system to the Internet to receive a second electronic
12 programming guide.

1 20. The system of claim 19 coupled to a first source
2 for one electronic programming guide and program content
3 and to second source for a second electronic programming
4 guide without program content.

1 21. A method of accessing programming information
2 comprising:
3 selecting from among a plurality of programming
4 options provided by a program receiver;
5 accessing a web site linked to the selected
6 programming option;
7 receiving additional programming options on said
8 receiver as a result of accessing said web site; and
9 selecting from among said additional programming
10 options, a program for viewing.

1 28. The method of claim 26 including receiving said
2 programming information from a content provider which is
3 independent of said web site.

1 29. The method of claim 27 including causing a web
2 site to provide authorization information to a content
3 provider to provide the programming to the program
4 receiver.

1 30. The method of claim 27 including providing
2 payment information from the receiver to the web site.

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